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Office Action Summary

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10/718,953

Applicant(s)

COLLINS ET AL.

Examiner

Barbara L. Gilliam

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 18-31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 1/29/2004.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims

1. Claims 1-31 are pending.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 27-29 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Claim 27, requiring the imaging energy to be about 20 mJ/cm² or less, is indirectly dependent on claim 21, which requires the imaging energy to be about 10 mJ/cm² or less. Note claim 29, requiring the imaging energy to be about 10 mJ/cm², is indirectly dependent on claim 27.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-14, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Haley et al.

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a. The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention "by another," or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

b. In US 6,80,6020 B2, the negative working imageable element can be imagewise exposed to ultraviolet radiation using a UV laser (col. 13, lines 10- 25). Following exposure, the exposed plate is baked and developed with a developer to selectively remove the uncrosslinked materials in the unexposed regions. Suitable developers include organic solvents, including benzyl alcohol, ethylene glycol monomethyl ether, ethylene glycol monoethyl ether, diacetone alcohol, butyl acetate, ethylene glycol methyl ether acetate, methyl isobutyl ketone and mixtures thereof (col. 13, lines 36 - 57). The negative working imageable element comprises an imageable composition coated on a substrate wherein the imageable composition comprises an acid curable composition, an acid generator, a strong acid and optionally an infrared absorber (abstract). The acid curable composition comprises a binder such as polymers that have at least two reactive groups including hydroxyl, carboxylic acid, and amine groups and a crosslinking agent such as a resole resin, an amino resin and an epoxy compound. The composition can further include a novolak resin (col. 3, line 53 – col. 4, line 20). The acid generator is preferably an onium salt that has a non-nucleophilic counter anion including diphenylamine-4-diazonium salts (col. 4, line 52 – col. 7, line 32).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haley et al. (US 6,806,020 B2) in view of McKeever (US 5,962,190).

a. As indicated in the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) above, Haley et al. teach a negative working imageable element comprises an acid curable composition, an acid generator, a strong acid and optionally an infrared absorber (abstract). Haley et al. do not teach the inclusion of a colorant in the imageable layer of US 6,806,020 B2 however in light of the teachings of McKeever it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide the layer with a dye to enhance the color of the layer and provide contrast with the background areas (col. 9, lines 64-67).

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 18-26, 30 and 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

8. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

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a. There is no limitation on the amount of ultraviolet imaging energy used to image the imageable element of Haley et al. Further it would not have been obvious to limit the ultraviolet imaging energy to the range required by Applicant based on the teachings of Nguyen et al. (US 5,919,601; col. 6, lines 65 – 67).

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

a. In US 2003/0157429 A1, Blum et al. teach a method for imaging patterning composition.

b. In US 6,821,583 B2, Shouldice et al. teach an imageable element for single fluid ink.

c. In US 6,723,495 B2, Ray et al. teach water-developable negative working ultraviolet and infrared imageable element.

d. In US 5,965,319, Kobayashi teach negative type image recording material.

e. WO 2003/019293 is equivalent to US 6,806,020 B2.

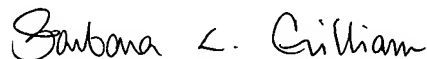
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barbara L. Gilliam whose telephone number is 571-272-1330. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

a. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly can be reached on 571-272-1526. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

b. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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